

**MACON COUNTY**  
**“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Kimmy Warf, Jeff Hughes, Bryan Carter, Helen Hesson, Benton Bartley, Todd Gentry, Scott Gammons, Justin Dyer, Kenneth Witte, Mike Jenkins, Charles (Chop) Porter, Troy Brawner, Bobby Ray King, Chris Wix, Don Stevens, Phillip Snow, Barry King, Shannon Wix, Wendell Jones and Mchelle Phillips

Absent: None

Bryan Carter gave the Invocation.

Kenneth Witte led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brawner to approve minutes as presented from the 9/19/16 Legislative Body Meeting, 8/16/16 Planning Commission Meeting, 7/19/16 Public Hearing Zoning Appeals Meeting and the 9/19/16 Building & Facilities Committee Meeting and defer to the next meeting. On discussion Bryan Carter noted that he was not on the Building & Facilities Committee and could not second the motion. Phillip Snow is a member and would second the motion in place of Bryan Cater. The Building & Facilities Committee minutes should be changed to reflect Snow instead of Carter on the motion.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to approve Budget Amendment #1 for Disaster Relief – Willette and to bring back Budget Amendment #2 for the Insurance Reimbursement for the Tower Site and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Director of Schools, Tony Boles reported that the attendance rate was holding steady with a total of 3,959 students for the county.

Motion #3 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warf to defer the Windrow Phillips Group Government Relations for Energy Savings to the Building & Facilities Committee and the Budget Committee for further review.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned the need for a Financial Advisor in the near future regarding plans for a new school and possible expansion to the jail. John Werner, with Cumberland Securities, presented the Commissioners with a brief overview of the financials of Macon County. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Jones stated that he would be setting up meetings with the Building & Facilities Committee to begin making future county building plans. Mayor Jones said these committees should meet with the School Board to see how we will be able to fund these projects.

Mayor Jones mentioned that he was working with Department Heads and Attorney Holliman for updates to the County's Drug Free Policy.

Mayor Jones informed the Commissioners that the Building & Facilities Committee had met regarding the Valley Ridge Building. He stated that he would be making a list of all the repairs needed to the building and would be getting prices on cost to fix the building and bring back.

Mayor Jones reported that he was checking into savings for the county related to the use of fuel cards. The Mayor said the Board of Education uses Voyager for their fuel cards and they are able to use the cards at more locations. Director of Schools, Tony Boles stated that Voyager fuel cards were used at several locations and the fuel savings through Voyager helped offset other cost in department budgets.

Motion #4 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. King to switch the county from Fleetone and Fuelman to Voyager to allow more access with the fuel cards and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to approve the Codes Enforcement/Impact report and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the Commissioners that the Animal Control position had been changed to 30 hours a week. He also said that he was discussing with the City of Lafayette options to have an office for the Animal Control officers and for the city and county to work together.

**In New Business:** Mayor Jones reported that a meeting would take place on Wednesday, October 5 to start the beginning phase of the next possible waterline grant. Mayor Jones told the Commissioners that the Westminster Presbyterian Church has helped install several water filtration systems for individuals in the county who have access to water but the water was not clean enough to drink. The Commissioners wanted to commend the church for their efforts.

On request from Commissioner Witte, Mayor Jones updated the Commissioners on the Highway 10 hill project.

Motion #6 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to adjourn.

Motion Carried